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PASS DEPT. OF COMMERCE,COM/IEPR/OTP/IND-FITZPATRICK,AND
DOT (NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION),
ATTENTION ESPOSITO AND HOFFERBERTH

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION RESPONSE TO US COMMENTS ON PROPOSED EC
MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS

REF: (A) 75 STATE A-4953, (B) 75 STATE A-2715

1. ON FEBRUARY 3 THE MISSION MET WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL
VERDIANI,WHO PROVIDED US WITH THE EC COMMISSION'S RESPONSES
TO THE COMMENTS BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS
ASSOCIATION (MVMA) ON PROPOSED EC DRAFT DIRECTIVES HARMONI-
ZING MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS (SEE REFERENCE A). WE ARE AIR POUCHING
THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSES TO EUR/RPE,ATTENTION
BRESLER AND COMMERCE,ATTENTION FITZPATRICK. THE COMMISSION'S
RESPONSES TO OUR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED EC TRACTOR STANDARDS
(SEE REFERENCE B) ARE STILL BEING PREPARED.

2. VERDIANI TOOK THE OCCASION TO CALL OUR ATTENTION TO
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THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON

EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLES WHICH WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON FROM OCTOBER 12-16, 1976. HE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE COMMISSON HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE FOURTH AND FIFTH CONFERENCE,IT HAD NOT RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. VERDIANI THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE OF THE WORK THE COMMISSION IS DOING ON REGULATIONS ON AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY,IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE COMMISSION PARTICIPATED. HE ALSO TOLD US THAT ONE OUTCOME OF THE EC SYMPOSIUM ON MOTOR VEHICLE DESIGN, HELD IN BRUSSELS IN DECEMBER, 1975,IS THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO DEVELOP WITH THE MEMBER STATES A PROGRAM FOR COORDINATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY RESEARCH LEADING TO AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY REGULATIONS. HE THOUGHT THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS,AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE EC PROGRAM COULD FIT INTO THE PANEL DISCUSSION ON FRIDAY MORNING,OCTOBER 15.

3. COMMENT: IF THERE ARE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS,WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE EC COMMISSION COULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE OFFICIALS FROM THE USG ,US MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS AND THE MVMA WERE INVITED TO AND PARTICIPATED IN THE EC SYMPOSIUM. THE APPROPRIATE EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL TO INVITE IS FERNAND BRAUN,THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR THE INTERNAL MARKET,ALTHOUGH HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEND TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO REPRESENT HIM.
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